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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE,  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND ALBANIA

REF: CARACAS 5979 (NOTAL)

1. ON JUNE 17 THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WITH THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD WILL BE ADDITIONALLY ACCREDITED TO ABU DHABI. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT VENEZUELA HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE AND ALBANIA, AND THAT THIS WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY. VENEZUELA WILL PROBABLY OPEN AN EMBASSY IN KINSHASA, AND THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE WILL BE ACCREDITED ADDITIONALLY TO ALBANIA. IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI WILL BE ACCREDITED TO BANGLADESH.

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2. COMMENT: FOLLOWING SHORTLY AFTER VENEZUELA'S RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH BANGLADESH (REFTTEL), THESE NEW DIPLOMATIC STEPS INDICATE THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS PURSUING ACTIVELY ITS POLICY OF MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AS MANY NATIONS AS POSSIBLE AND OF BROADENING ITS RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE WOULD APPEAR ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE, BECAUSE OF ZAIRE'S IMPORTANCE AS A LEADING SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP OF 77 AND AS ONE OF VENEZUELA'S NEGOTIATING PARTNERS IN PRODUCER/CONSUMER TALKS. RELATIONS WITH ABU DHABI ARE LOGICAL, SINCE THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES IS ONE OF VENEZUELA'S OPEC PARTNERS. THE ADVANTAGES OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA ARE LESS OBVIOUS, EXCEPT THAT SUCH A MOVE IS CONSISTENT WITH VENEZUELA'S WILLINGNESS, FREQUENTLY ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, TO DEAL WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT IRRESPECTIVE OF DIFFERENCES IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS.

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